

II. CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner rejected claims 14-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over the combination of Hill and Asfar. Although Applicants respectfully disagree with this rejection, claims 14-15 have been cancelled to expedite issuance of the remaining allowed claims. Applicants intend to refile rejected claims 14-15 in a continuation application.

III. RESPONSE TO EXAMINERS REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE


Applicants respectfully disagree with the comment made in the second sentence of the final paragraph of the Examiner's Reasons For Allowance (pg. 9) and note that none of the distinguishing features discussed by the Examiner in the earlier portion of his Reasons are shown in the art of record.

IV. CONCLUSION

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1-13 and 16-19. Claims 14-15 have been cancelled to expedite a Notice of Allowance for all the remaining claims. Again, Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejection of now cancelled claims 14-15 and intend to refile these claims in a continuation application.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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